

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1814

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Curtis Lamont.

WHEREAS, Curtis Lamont, a school bus driver for the Kensington school district, is the originator of the “Starfish” program for the protection of school children; and

WHEREAS, The “Starfish” program involves the placement of a highly visible sign on the rear of school buses stating “STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH—YOU PASS—YOU PAY!!!” The name “Starfish” has been used as it refers to the boy throwing starfish from the beach into the ocean so they would not die. When told by a passing man he could not possibly make a difference as there were thousands of starfish littering miles and miles of beach the boy replied, as he threw another starfish into the ocean, “It made a difference to that one”; and

WHEREAS, Phil Amato, a boyhood friend of Curtis Lamont and a councilman for the city of Arnold, Missouri, has picked up and expanded the “Starfish” idea of Mr. Lamont. He has had signs prepared with different background colors which would be changed every few months to make them more noticeable to motorists. With the financial assistance of the Arnold Jaycees, and the approval of state officials, “Starfish” signs are being made available throughout the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, The safety of school children entering and exiting school buses on the public roads of our state are a prime safety concern for parents, school bus drivers, school teachers and administrators and the driving public. The initiative of Mr. Lamont in his efforts to protect our school children is highly commended and is appropriate to be emulated elsewhere in Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Curtis Lamont for initiating the “Starfish” program for the protection of our school children; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Lee.

Senate Resolution No. 1814 was sponsored by Senator Janis K. Lee.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*